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VICTIM OF FRIENDS.

Events of the week will certainly justify former President Roosevelt in praying either publicly or privately, "Lord deliver us from our fool friends." According to press accounts Mr. Roosevelt was very anxious for an audience with His Holiness Pius X., and the Pope was equally anxious to meet the strenuous American. Despite the alleged anxiety on both sides they failed to meet. The Vatican laid down certain rules of conduct for Mr. Roosevelt as it has done for everybody else; the ex-President thought he knew his own business best, and as a sovereign American citizen refused to abide by the Vatican's request. The audience was called off. Since then events have followed in rapid succession. They make amusing if not instructive reading for the time being, but in the end the church, the Vatican nor Cardinal Merry del Val will suffer. Mr. Roosevelt might have publicly and openly asked for and obtained an audience with the Pope. Instead he applied indirectly and confidentially. His request was granted and the audience was fixed for Tuesday, April 5, but the ex-President was cautioned against making the mistake of Mr. Fairbanks by visiting the Methodist propaganda in Rome. The strenuous American rebelled. He would visit whom he pleased.

Just here comes a friend, John Callan O'Loughlin, a newspaperman by instinct and training and honored by Mr. Roosevelt as his Assistant Secretary of State for the last month of the second Rooseveltian era. Mr. O'Loughlin hurried to Rome to try his diplomacy at the Vatican. Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary of State, acting for the Pope, insisted that Mr. Roosevelt must conform to the law laid down, and Mr. O'Loughlin was equally impressed with the fact that his chief would do as he pleased. Then the ex-President's friend lost his head. He let his newspaper instincts get away with his usual statesmanlike diplomacy; he saw a good newspaper story and he published it.

To say that it caused a world-wide sensation is putting it mildly. Catholics can not see how the Vatican could have acted otherwise than as it did. They do not blame Mr. Roosevelt for his part, but they consider him unfortunate in the choice of diplomatic friends. Mr. Roosevelt stands as high as ever in the estimation of American Catholics. He has done all in his power to prevent the Methodists and other scandal mongers from making anti-Catholic capital out of the incident. In a little while it will all be forgotten.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS.

On the editorial page of the New York Herald there appeared a few days ago an article on "Prayer." It was written by the Rev. Father P. A. Halpin, of St. Angela's church, New Rochelle, N. Y. It is worthy of perusal and of careful consideration. Though every word of it breeds Catholicity, it is an admonition to all Christians, to all who believe in a Supreme Giver of all good. Father Halpin writes:

"Pray without ceasing.—I. Thess., v. 17. All divine commands make for the welfare of the individual and the civilization of the race. These laws forgotten, the man touches the nadir of degradation, the family is a den of abomination and the nation totters on the brink of barbarism. The faithful Christian is a conqueror in the moral world, bears off all its trophies and wears its crown and its glory. These precepts do more. They hedge in all human dignity and guarantee privileges beyond the power of the world to bestow. Eminently true all this of prayer. The quickening pulse of prayer is in the heart-only. Lip prayer alone is mockery and insult.

"Hence when heaven is deaf to our beseeching it is because while our voice mutters words of devotion we are bargaining in our souls with the world, the devil or the flesh. Never yet has the heart of man sent up on the wings of prayer its palpitating message without finding strength and healing. Ever is such a pleading as music in the ears of God, causing his hand to open and shower down blessings. To pray is a privilege beyond expression and the employing of our highest faculties in their noblest function. To pray is to be on the heights, in the court of the King of kings. It is gaining that spark divine which is

in every one of us into a flame wrapping the soul in the splendor of the raiment of the eternal halls. Prayer is the lordliest spurning of the world and the most defiant proclamation of the vanity of its promises and of its utter helplessness in our hour of need. Man is at his finest as he kneels in prayer.

"What may we pray for? Augustine answers that it is our right to ask for anything and everything our heart has the right to desire. Nor is it impossible to pray without ceasing. If we only knew our danger and our dearth our whole being would be attuned to prayer, and in the incessant encounter with our spiritual foes and perils our every thought and word and deed would be instinct with petition. Why lack trust in the efficacy of our supplication? Confidence is easy when we remember the infinite power of the God who has made us, because He loves and yearns for us. As we pray we are prostrate before Omnipotence and boundless love. 'It will be well with us all when we learn to pray. If it is well with us now it is because there are more than ten just men appealing in our behalf. Yes, it is all right with the world because God is in his heaven, but it is more all right because He is on his earth as well, and no sentinel bars our way to his presence."

HARMON AND THE TARIFF.

Gov. Judson Harmon, of Ohio, now looked upon as the Democratic standard-bearer in the next Presidential election, has pronounced views on the tariff and is not afraid to express them. In an interview with the Chicago Tribune mention of President Taft led to a question as to Gov. Harmon's opinion respecting the President's attitude on the tariff elicited the following reply: "As I understand it, President Taft thinks the tariff is all right. The fact is that protectionism has been pushed to its highest point. I want to repeat that the tariff ought to be for revenue only and not for the purpose of aiding a lot of people to get rich with the aid of the law. The way out of the woods is a simple one. Revise the tariff downwards. There won't be any political rest until the popular demand is complied with. I don't believe in any special commission to go over the tariff. Such a commission would be only procrastination. Of course if you're going to keep on helping certain interests make money it is going to take a lot of studying. On the other hand, if you're going to levy a tariff for revenue only—the kind of a tariff that I believe in—it is comparatively easy—much easier than it is to help this fellow along and that fellow along. If Congress would go at it, Congress could revise the tariff logically without any special fuss and feathers and without much trouble. The present tariff is only the old Dingley tariff with a few new buttons." The foregoing is definite and easy to understand. Upon a platform constructed therefrom Gov. Harmon should sweep the country.

The Kentucky Irish American extends to the bereaved family its deepest sympathy over the death of Edward Neuhaus, for nearly forty years editor of the Glaubensbote. Mr. Neuhaus was an able writer, a devout Christian and always stood for what he believed to be the public weal. Mr. Neuhaus was an unceasing worker for any cause he considered just. Assiduity to what he believed his duty brought about his final illness and death. May he forever rest in peace.

CHARACTER FORMING.

Have you ever noticed how an icicle is formed? If you have, you noticed how it froze one drop at a time until it was a foot or more long. If the water was clear, the icicle remained clear and sparkled almost as brightly as diamonds in the sun; but if the water was slightly muddy, the icicle looked foul and its beauty was spoiled. Just so our characters are forming—one little thought or action at a time. If each thought be pure and right, the soul will be lovely and sparkle with happiness; but if impure and wrong, there will be deformity and wretchedness. What sort of a character are you forming for yourself?

UNITED STATES LEADS.

According to the latest available estimates of statisticians the total wealth of the United States, England and France is as follows: United States, \$120,000,000,000; Great Britain, \$68,000,000,000; France, \$45,000,000,000. The population of each of these countries is United States, 97,000,000; Great Britain, 41,976,827, and France, 39,941,545.

GOOD ADVICE.

Lads, let me tell you, brief as may be, What a good friend used to say to me: "When you start in life, take a purpose true, Strong and steadfast, along with you. One that the best of your efforts may claim, Nor be content with a paltry aim."

"And when you've found one that's worth your while, Stick to it, lad, whatever beguile. Stick to it in the face of foes. You will certainly find to jeer and oppose; For if your purpose is what it should be, You will have to fight for your victory."

Lads, I've found that his words were true, And so, if you try his advice, will you. Take for your pose one that will bear The test of a life's endeavor and wear, No matter what shower aims may allure; Then work for it—pray for it—keep it pure.

SOCIETY.

Miss Alma Cronan accompanied Mrs. D. Griffin to Frankfort, for a visit of several weeks.

Mrs. Pat Ryan and daughter, Miss Mary, of Russellville, visited Louisville friends this week.

George Roser and wife, of Parkland, spent last week in Newport, Covington and Cincinnati.

Mrs. Ed D. Shinnick has returned to her home in Shelbyville after an enjoyable visit with Louisville relatives.

Mrs. Matthew Brennan and Miss Margaret Brennan are at French Lick Springs for a stay of several weeks.

Miss Nellie Murphy, of Nashville, arrived Wednesday to be the guest of Mrs. Robert B. Burrell for two weeks.

Misses Anna and Blanche Tobin, of Frankfort, have returned home after a short visit with friends in this city.

Miss Nell Roach, of Frankfort, arrived last week to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGee at Parkview.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appling are rejoicing over the arrival of a new boy at their home, 3009 West Chestnut street.

Misses Annetta and Louisa Jackson spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. W. B. Middleton, in Shelby county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Newman have returned to Frankfort after a brief visit to Mrs. A. G. Conway, of 323 West Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLoughlin, who have been visiting Mrs. Mooney in this city, have returned to their home in Knoxville.

Misses Edith Malone and Mattie Nones, who have been on a trip to New Mexico and the Far West, will return home next week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gorman, of South Louisville, have been entertaining Mr. Gorman's brother, Mr. M. Gorman, of Paris, Tenn.

Mrs. W. M. Sullivan, of Force avenue, was last week called to the home of her mother, Mrs. Davis, of Dupont, Ill., who is seriously ill.

The marriage of Miss Lula Schreiber and William Constock will take place on April 20 at St. Cecilia's, when the Rev. Father Brady will perform the nuptial ceremony.

Robert Coleman, who spent the Easter vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman, left the first of the week for Connecticut, where he is attending school.

Mrs. Arthur R. Smith, of 319 East Fourteenth street, New Albany, has returned from Lexington, where she attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss Katherine O'Neill, and Jefferson Morgan.

Mrs. M. A. Nash and her grandchildren, Miss Marie O'Brien and Messrs. Joseph and John O'Brien, arrived home Saturday after spending the month of March in New Orleans and Pass Christian.

The many friends of Miss Nannie May Lally, daughter of P. J. Lally, who has been seriously ill for three weeks, will be pleased to learn that she is convalescing and will soon be able to resume her studies at Cedar Grove.

Miss Emily McAttee arrived home last Friday after an extended visit to relatives in Texas and Oklahoma. Her mother, Mrs. John McAttee, who was with her, remained at Ada, Okla., for a longer visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Wintersmith.

John S. Lantz and bride, who was Miss Anastasia Gilmanne, have returned from Evansville, where they visited the groom's parents, and are at home to their friends at 424 North Twenty-sixth street. Their marriage was solemnized with a nuptial mass at St. Cecilia's church, Rev. Father Brady being the celebrant.

LANGUAGE MOVEMENT.

The Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language has just issued its report for 1909, which contains much information that is both useful and instructive, and statistics are supplied relating to the Irish language at the present time. With reference to Irish in the national schools, it appears that the language is taught in 1,561, and that the National Board made payment in respect to Irish for 45,474 pupils,

as compared with 29,907 in 1908. The report mentions that "there are still many drawbacks to the progress of Irish in national schools, one of which is that teachers are not allowed to present pupils for fees earlier than the third standard. An effort is being made to allow the present children for examination in Irish in the First and Second standards, and to have professors of Irish appointed in all the training colleges."

AFTER-DINNER TRICKS.

A stunt which is new and amusing and never fails to make fun is a trick in balancing. Have the one who tries the thing measure exactly three times the length of his own foot out from the wall of the room, then stand with heels together facing the wall, then stoop forward until the top of his head touches the wall. Then place a light stool or tabouret, about twenty inches in height, between him and the wall. The trick is to hold the tabouret off the floor and at the same time lift the head from the wall. A woman generally succeeds in doing this with comparative ease, but for some reason the trick is not so easy for a man. So ask a woman to do it first, then it is very funny to see the man fail.

POLICE ATTEND VESPERS.

Members of the police force in Brooklyn and Queens attended vespers in large numbers on Easter Sunday afternoon at St. Michael's church in Brooklyn. The Rev. William T. McGee, rector of the church and chaplain in the police department, was the officiating priest, and Rev. Thomas J. Baxter, D. D., and Rev. James Smyth were deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The Rev. John T. Woods, rector of the Church of the Holy Cross in Flatbush, spoke eloquently in his sermon on the integrity of the police.

NEAR CENTURY MARK.

Gerhardt Hinkbein, who is eighty-seven years of age and has been a resident of New Albany since 1848, celebrated his birthday anniversary last week, surrounded by his children and grandchildren and many relatives. During the first months of the year Mr. Hinkbein suffered from the grip, but he is now well and, despite his advanced age, again able to resume his active duties as a shoemaker.

FORTY HOURS.

The Forty Hours' prayer, one of the most impressive and beautiful devotions of the Catholic church, will begin at the high mass tomorrow morning at St. Elizabeth's church on Burnett avenue. The services will be conducted by Rev. Father Assent, and will continue until Tuesday. Visiting clergy will assist Father Assent and it is expected the devotions will be largely attended.

LONG EUROPEAN TRIP.

Andrew Schuler and wife, accompanied by Miss Maggie Gehl, sailed Saturday from Boston on the steamer Romanic for an extended European trip. They will visit the Holy Land and Egypt, and will tour through England, Scotland and Ireland. Their itinerary also includes Rome, Padua, Vienna, Berlin, Paris and Lourdes.

CUPID WAS BUSY.

The deputy that deals out marriage licenses in the County Clerk's office was busy on Wednesday. Among those who secured marriage licenses were Charles Steurer and Regina Keating, Michael Kraft and Martha E. Zoeller, August Sohn and Matilda Enler, Frederick Baum and Lillian E. Dierson, and Douglas J. Devine and Maggie Dermody.

FATHER M'KEARNEY RETIRES.

Word was received here on Tuesday that the Rev. Father J. F. McKearney had resigned as pastor of St. Peter's church at St. Louis, Mo., and will go West in search of health. Father McKearney has spent eleven years in Daviess county and is one of the most popular priests in Western Kentucky.

WHAT'S YOUR COUNTY.

Send us your name and the name of the county in Ireland in which you were born. The Kentucky Irish American will tell you something about your county, its rivers, hills and industries. There are thirty-two counties in Ireland and it is proposed to handle at least one county each week.

STATUE BLESSED.

The handsome statue of St. Anthony recently erected at St. John's church by Mr. and Mrs. John Wrooklage was blessed after vespers at 3 o'clock last Sunday afternoon. Father Schumann performed the ceremony and gave a brief instruction on the veneration of saints and the devotion to St. Anthony.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

Branch 642, C. K. of A., will have benefit performances at the Broadway Theater on Monday and Tuesday. The price of admission is only ten cents and the auction prices are equal to any in the city. Crowded houses are assured for both evenings.

COVINGTON.

Right Rev. Bishop Maes confirmed a large class of children last Sunday morning at the Mother of God church. At St. Joseph's church another large class received their first holy communion.

HINTS FOR HEALTH.

Keep warm. Eat regularly and slowly. Maintain regular bodily habits. Take early and light suppers or better still none at all. Keep out of debt. Get plenty of sleep at night. Keep cheerful and respectable company. Keep a clear skin. Don't set your mind on things you don't need. Mind your own business.

PROMOTIONS.

Go by Merit and Not by Favor in These Days.

The editor of the Louisville Evening Post made a strenuous kick this week on the ground that the present city administration was promoting police, or rather making Captains and Lieutenants of untried policemen. Such is not the case. The Night Chief, the Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants and even the Corporals, are true and tried men. None thus promoted are without experience.

On the other hand, one remembers how rapidly Robert Jennings Foster graduated from a night watchman at Belknap's to a Captaincy, and how rapidly Luehsinger arose from shipping clerk to be a Captain of police. Foster and Luehsinger were pets of the Louisville Post. However, they were not the only ones rapidly boosted high in Police and Fire department circles during the Grinstead regime.

The Louisville Herald, too, is throwing fits because Filmore Tyson is no longer Chief of the Fire department. Its pages glow with deeds of his daring and achievements. Nobody doubts that Major Tyson is a good fireman, but things are moving along without him. Suppose Fil Tyson would do what the insurance companies raise their rates?

FATAL MISTAKE.

Miss Mary Sass, a respected lady of the East End, died at St. Anthony's Hospital on Wednesday morning as the result of drinking carbolic acid through mistake. Miss Sass resided at 726 Laurel street, and had been suffering from pneumonia. She was believed to be on the road to recovery when the fatal accident occurred. Her funeral took place from St. Martin's church yesterday morning. The deceased was forty-two years old. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. John Schuler, and two brothers, Edward and John Sass. Her untimely and unfortunate death is generally deplored.

PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.

Children, grandchildren and friends of Jacob Hoertz, the popular contractor, gave him a surprise in the form of a tacky party Monday evening. Mr. Hoertz was very much surprised when the bunch of grotesquely attired merry-makers burst in on him. "Whose birthday is this anyhow?" he inquired. When it was explained that he had been ill on his birthday, and that no celebration had been held, he remarked: "Oh! You've just transferred the feast. Well, go ahead." Refreshments were served in abundance and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

ATTACKED BY PARALYSIS.

Michael J. Ahern, for many years an efficient member of the Louisville police force, sustained a stroke of paralysis on Tuesday and for several hours death seemed imminent. While he is now somewhat improved, he is by no means out of danger. Unless another attack follows it is believed a few weeks' rest at St. Anthony's Hospital will bring him around all right. He is a brother of Pat and Jack Ahern. The three brothers are prominent in Democratic political circles. The sick man has the best wishes of a host of friends for his speedy recovery.

WELL WORTH READING.

Extension, the monthly magazine of the Catholic Church Extension Society, for May will contain an excellent and comprehensive article on "Methodist Missionary Methods in Rome." It is from the pen of Richard M. Vervege, one who is thoroughly conversant with the methods of the proselyting sect in the Eternal City. Their scheme of proselytism has been vile and calumnious as well as lacking in the spirit of charity and Christianity. Those who have seen the advance proofs declare the Extension article well worth reading.

TIP TOP BREAD.

Tip Top Bread has made a hit. The first product was put on the market last Saturday. It caught the fancy of the retail grocers and consumers immediately, and the demand increased every day afterward. The plant at Seventeenth and Duncan has a capacity of 24,000 loaves a day, and already the demand is equal to the supply. It will be but a short time before Mr. Whiteside will have to increase the capacity of his establishment.

CROWDED EVERY NIGHT.

The bazar for St. Cecilia's church that opened Monday at Mackin Council club house has been well attended, the building being crowded every night. Mackin's large hall is elaborately decorated and many handsome booths are in evidence. Tomorrow the ladies of the Altar Society will serve dinner and supper for the people of the West End. The bazar will close Monday night, when the award of prizes will be made.

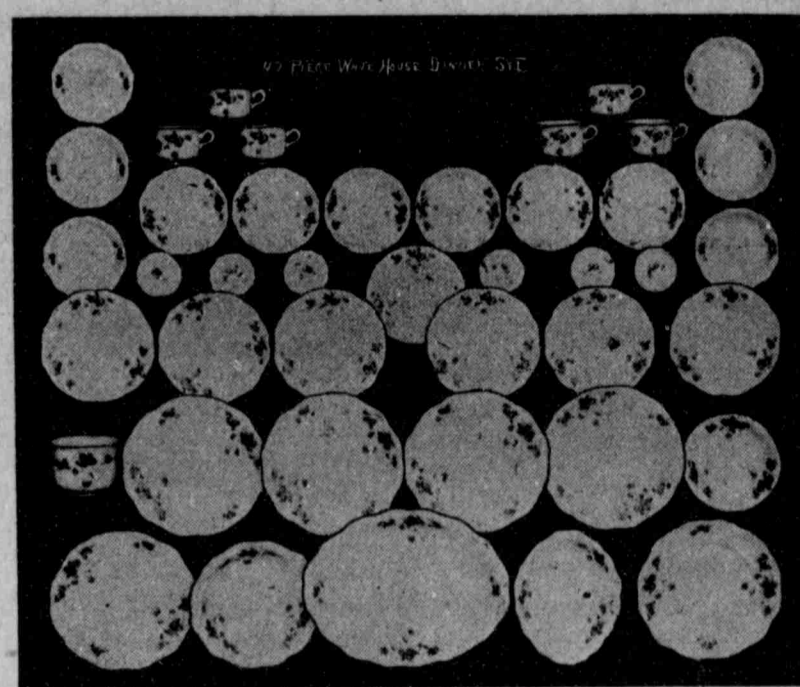
MACKIN COUNCIL.

Mackin Council, Y. M. T., will hold no meeting Monday night, as the officers and members are lending all their energies to the success of the bazar now in progress at the club house for the benefit of St. Cecilia's church. After Monday active work for the opera, "Among the Stars," will be resumed, and arrangements will also be completed for the intonation, which is expected to largely increase the membership.

RUMOR OF PROMOTION.

It is rumored in railroad circles, and the rumor bears all the earmarks of authenticity, that Col. Alfred H. Egan, for the past seven years Superintendent of the Louisville division of the Illinois Central railroad, is to be made General Superintendent of the entire I. C. system. If the promotion comes it will be hailed with delight by Mr. Egan's friends here and all over the Illinois Central railroad.

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